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Ex parte DANIEL I. KERPELMAN, RICHARD L. FROWEIN, HUBERT ANTHONY ZELLEL, JAMES F. KOHLI and JOHN M. HEINEN

Application No. 09/470,344

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 16, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On March 19, 2004, an Examiner's Answer was mailed (Paper No. 14). However, the paper attached to the PTO-90C cover page belonged to Application Serial No. 09/470,554.1

It should be noted that the Examiner's Answer located in Application Serial No. 09/470,554 was correct. According to the Patent and Trademark Office records, this Answer was mailed on December 3, 2003.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1. for removing copies of the Examiner's Answer belonging to Application Serial No. 09/470,554 from the file and replacing them with copies of the Examiner's Answer mailed March 19, 2004 (Paper No. 14) belonging to Application Serial No. 09/470,344;
- 2. for notification to appellants regarding the action taken; and
  - 3. for such further action as may be appropriate.

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